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THREE REPUBLICANS  
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MISSOULA---

Three Republican congressmen expressed their dissatisfaction with Moratorium Day activities and discussed national and international policies of the Nixon administration Friday.

The solons--Reps. Garry Brown of Michigan, William V. Roth of Delaware and Orval Hansen of Idaho--participated in a press conference and meetings with University of Montana students Friday during a three-day, four-city R.S.V.P (Republicans Speak on Vital Issues) tour of Montana.

The trio arrived in Missoula Thursday night and met with GOP leaders from this area at the home of Dr. Thomas Payne, a political science professor at UM. The congressmen are scheduled to fly to Billings this (Friday) afternoon and to Great Falls and Helena on Saturday, before returning to Washington Saturday afternoon.

Concerning Wednesday's national Moratorium Day activities, Brown said, "I have no strong feelings on the moratorium. If its purpose was to inform the administration that we don't need the Vietnam War, then we didn't need the activities of the 15th (of October). For nine months this administration has been de-escalating. We can't expect the buildup of years to be eliminated overnight."

Brown said the issue of Moratorium Day was not whether or not to end the war, but the rapidity of our disengagement. "Americans," he said, "are about 90 per cent in agreement on ending the war, but only 30 per cent of the people agree on how to end it."

Roth, a Great Falls native, said, "If we pull out (of Vietnam) too quickly, we risk the safety of the people in Vietnam who are our allies. Also, we don't want to jeopardize the confidence of the other nations of the world by an immediate, complete and total withdrawal. The President has said we will move as rapidly as possible to bring the troupes home."

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Said Hansen, "I would have preferred Moratorium Day to have been a day of discussions on our role in Vietnam. I fear that Hanoi would delay negotiations and would attempt a quick takeover if we withdraw too rapidly. We must consider long-range effects. This administration's purpose is withdrawal."

Referring to one/<sup>of</sup>the country's major national issues, Brown said, "The restlessness in our preCincts is deeper than Vietnam."

He said he feels the unrest and uneasiness in the U.S. is due to "our tremendous technological advancements."

"Our lives are too impersonal. I think this restlessness is a fruit of our advancements," said Brown.

Focusing on school desegregation in the South during the press conference, Brown said, "I think there is a little shift in the method of / <sup>desegregation</sup> but not in the objective."

Brown said the Nixon administration feels the best solution to desegregating southern schools is to "implement legislation already on the books" by utilizing court orders in cases where school officials don't feel they should open their schools to Negroes.

Said Roth, "We all feel that quality education is important for everyone."

Emphasizing the value of marketing individual skills, Hansen said he would like to see the government "enlarge the economic opportunities, not only for Whites and Negroes, but also for Indians."

Brown said some Republican leaders in the South have been critical of Nixon for trying to desegregate too fast, so the administration "is slackening off on enforcement regulations."

Regarding gun control legislation, Brown said Congress "took away the delivery service" of guns when it outlawed mail orders of firearms. He said he feels "the banning of mail order sales (of guns) is good."

"I don't expect to see any further gun legislation," Roth added, although he said there has been some movement by the Senate to restrict sales of bullets and shotgun shells.



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"Any further restrictive legislation," Hansen added, "wouldn't prevent criminal acts. On the contrary, such legislation would only handicap legitimate gun users."

Hansen said he feels any further gun control legislation should be enacted by states rather than the federal government.

Concerning pollution problems, Brown said Congress appropriated \$600 million last week for anti-pollution programs. He said state funds also will be needed to implement the programs.

Roth said he expects to see more regional action regarding air and water pollution problems because "no single Washington agency" can achieve pollution controls.

The state visit by the Congressmen was arranged at the invitation of the Montana Republican State Central Committee, the Montana Republican Women's Federation and the Montana Young Republicans.

The University sponsored their visit to the Missoula campus. Mrs. Karen Nyberg, Billings, state secretary for the Montana Young Republicans, is in charge of local arrangements.

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